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CIA Sees Major Threat to West

SAN FRANCISCO — (UPI)

Lyman B. Kirkpatrick Jr., inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday that never since the Monroe Doctrine became effective in 1821 has there been such a serious threat to "the integrity of the Americas" as that now posed by the Communists.

Cuba Focal Point

Cuba, he said, was chosen months ago as the base "for a massive attack on United States policy . . . focal point for all Communist activity in Latin America" and the base from which the Communist party would "export" its revolution to other countries.

He said the objective of the "tremendous effort" being made by Communists in Latin America was "communization of each and every country."

Kirkpatrick spoke at a luncheon of the Commonwealth Club of California that was attended by members of the Naval Reserve Association in convention here.

He said that Russia, "which today seeks to colonize the world under the rule of communism," also was the power whose threats in 1821 caused the United States to declare the Monroe Doctrine outlining the United States' opposition to European interference in the affairs of Western Hemisphere nations.

Kirkpatrick said the Communist offensive in Latin America has been spearheaded by Soviet diplomatic missions and that key targets "as elsewhere in the world, are the young people of the area."

He noted the rapid changes occurring in Latin American countries in industrialization, urbanization and population increases and said the "people who live in conditions little changed over generations find themselves buffeted by forces they have never experienced before. For the Communists have answers that seem plausible."

"To take advantage of this situation, the economic and diplomatic strength of the Soviet bloc is being employed consciously and aggressively to supplement the activities of the national Communist parties, the international fronts and the Communist intelligence services."

Kirkpatrick said the objective was "to create and maintain an environment in which home-grown Communist revolutions can thrive and be protected."

"The direction for Communist Party work in Latin America stems from the foreign section or international department of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union. Through area specialists, the foreign section provides detailed advice and guidance to the National Communist parties of Latin America," he said.